PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Frank BONADIO et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3772
Application No.: 10/600,812	) Examiner: Bianco, Patricia
Filed: June 20, 2003	) Confirmation No.: 7588
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN SURGERY AND A VALVE	) ) )

## Mail Stop - Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2007, the period for response having been extended to May 5, 2008, by a three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section of this Reply.